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S/P - Mr. Kennan

I am informed by Loy Henderson that according to information received from one of our officers just returned from London the British paper on the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East has been approved by Mr. Bevin. Mr. Bevin is passing the document along to the Cabinet, so that he may be in a position to discuss the subject with Secretary Marshall upon the latter's arrival in London.

It therefore seems urgent that the Secretary should see our paper on the same subject before he leaves Washington. If he approves it, the National Security Council can take it up on short order and, if necessary, we can telegraph the Council's views after the Secretary's departure.

The essential thing is to have the Secretary look at the document, if he has not already done so, in the short time remaining before his departure. I have mentioned this to Carlisle Humelsine, but perhaps you could also take it up in order that we may notify Loy of the Secretary's attitude.

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